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1. In late October 1949 there were an undetermined number of Soviet advisers concentrated in the Wang Ta Lin and Tan Chi Luo Hutungs, the former Japanese Gendarmerie, and the Hotel du Nord.
2. Peiping appeared to be serving as a center from which Soviet advisers were dispatched to assignments in interior China. In October 1949 numbers of Soviets left Peiping each day, for points on the Eastern Line* and Paoing.
3. Some of the Soviet advisers in Peiping in October 1949 appeared to be of low caliber, and had little contact with the Chinese because they could speak Russian only.
4. Two Soviet advisers, who were apparently assigned to the Hotel du Nord while in Peiping, wore ragged clothing and shoes held on with strips of felt.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The "Eastern Line" may be the Chinese Eastern railway.

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